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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PART II CHEMICALS PROGRAM

REFS: (A) STATE 180243; (B) BONN 12950; (C) STATE
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1. GERMAN ACTION REF (B) IS WELCOMED BY MISSION AND DOES
INDEED REMOVE MAJOR BUDGETARY OBSTACLE BY PERMITTING
CORRESPONDING INCREASES BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO
MAKE TOTAL EXCEED 1.7 MILLION FF ESTIMATED FOR TWO PART
II PROJECTS. GERMAN DEL., HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET BEEN
OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF BONN DECISION.

2. REGARDING REF (A) PARA 2, UNFORTUNATELY OECD PROCEDU-
RAL PROBLEM EXPLAINED REF (D) STILL REMAINS. A COUNCIL
DECISION REQUIRES TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF A SECRETARIAT
PAPER, TRANSMISSION TO CAPITALS, CONSULTATION IN CAPITALS
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AND INSTRUCTIONS TO OECD DELS. MOREOVER, COUNCIL ACTIONS
ARE NORMALLY PRECEDED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERA-
TION AND DISCUSSION. SECRETARIAT AND SEVERAL KEY DELEGA-
TIONS WE HAVE TALKED WITH (ALL VITALLY INTERESTED IN PART
II PROGRAM) FEEL THAT THIS PROCESS CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT
IN TIME REMAINING BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED
FOR JULY 21. THIS MEANS THAT EVEN DELEGATIONS OF COUN-

TRIES MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PART II PROGRAM MAY NOT AGREE TO FORMAL COUNCIL APPROVAL THIS WEEK, UNLESS THEY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO FROM CAPITALS. AS EXPLAINED REF (D), JUST ONE COUNTRY COULD THUS PREVENT COUNCIL APPROVAL. BY OECD CONSENSUS RULES, A SINGLE UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATION CAN PREVENT THE REQUIRED UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE FULL COUNCIL. SITUATION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY ABSENCE ON VACATION OF KEY OFFICERS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. MISSION HAS PRESSED THE SECRETARIAT AS HARD AS POSSIBLE AND IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DRAFTING OF SECRETARIAT PAPER AND DRAFT ENTRY FOR COUNCIL MINUTES. BOTH ARE NOW IN PREPARATION UNDER DEPUTY SEC GEN ELDIN'S PERSONAL SUPERVISION. MISSION BELIEVES THAT PUSHING FOR DECISION IS NOT FEASIBLE AND RISKS INDECISIVE OR DELAYING RESPONSE IN COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE A POSITIVE OUTCOME, EVEN IF SHORT OF A FORMAL APPROVAL OF PART II PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY IF THERE WERE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF COUNCIL INTENT TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION IN SEPTEMBER AND BEGIN THE PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 1, 1978.

4. PROPOSED DRAFT ENTRY READS AS FOLLOWS: THE COUNCIL (A) NOTED ORAL REPORT MADE BY MR ELDIN CONCERNING SPECIAL PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR CONTROL OF CHEMICALS.

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(B) NOTED THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES, - - - - -, HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR CONTROL OF CHEMICALS, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ON 1ST OCTOBER 1978.

(C) AGREED TO TAKE A DECISION ON THIS MATTER AT FORTHCOMING MEETING AFTER ITS EXAMINATION BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY BY SEC GEN.

5. MISSION APPRECIATES AND WILL USE TALKING POINTS REF (C) AND WILL REPORT OUTCOME OF COUNCIL MEETING. SALZMAN

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